

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 17, 2009 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner provisionally rejects claims 1-7 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4-5 and 7-9 of co-pending Application Serial No. 10/593,994. A terminal disclaimer was filed in the co-pending case. It is believed that this renders the instant rejection moot.

The Examiner objects to claims 6-7 under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) as being improper multiple dependent claims. By the accompanying amendment, claims 6 and 7 have been amended to correct this informality.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Hotta et al., JP6092935, in view of Witchey-Lakshmanan (Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews). The Examiner states that Hotta et al. teach N-substituted indole derivatives of formula (I) and their use as an insecticide, and that they can be mixed with a liquid carrier, an emulsifier, a dispersant or a disintegrator among other excipients. Witchey-Lakshmanan is cited for its teaching of the advantage of using shampoos to control fleas and ticks on animals.

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention relates to an agent for controlling acarians parasitic on mammals containing an N-substituted indole derivative of general formula (I).

As demonstrated in Test Examples 1 to 5 of the present specification, the acarian control agent containing the N-substituted indole derivative of the present invention has low insecticidal activity against acarians parasitic on plants (see Test Example 5), but it has control effect and quick-acting properties against acarians parasitic on animals (see Test Examples 1 and 2).

Furthermore, the acarian control agent of the present invention has low toxicity to mammals (see Test Examples 3 and 4).

Thus, the claimed acarian control agent is based on the new findings that the indole derivative has extremely specific and characteristic features, and is an excellent agent for controlling acarians parasitic on mammals.

Hotta et al. describe the use of an N-substituted indole derivative, which is the same as the derivative of the present invention, in the control of noxious organisms in paddy fields, agricultural fields, and the like. However, Hotta et al. specifically describe only that the indole derivatives were effective in controlling nilaparvata lunge-ns belonging to Hemiptera and plutella xylostella belonging to Lepidoptera. Thus, these insects such as nilaparvata lunge-ns and plutella xylostella are

noxious organisms in agricultural fields, and are totally different from acarians of the present invention, which are insect pests on companion animals such as dogs and cats.

Therefore, it cannot be easily predicted from the teachings of Hotta et al. that the indole derivative can effectively control acarians with low toxicity against companion animals.

Attached hereto are copies of the following two articles:

Article 1: Watanabe et al., The BCPC Conference: Pests & Diseases 2000, British Crop Protection Council, Farnham, UK, pp 27-32;

Article 2: Morita M et al., The BCPC Conference: Pests & Diseases 2000, British Crop Protection Council, Farnham, UK, pp. 59-66.

The data of Table 2 on page 29 of Article 1 show that an insecticide, ANS-118, exhibits strong biological activity against various insects, whereas ANS-118 does not exhibit the biological activity against acariana, two spotted spider mite.

Also, the data of Table 1 on page 61 of Article 2 show that an insecticide, IKI-220, exhibits strong biological activity against *Myzus persicae*, which belongs to the order of Homoptera, whereas IKI-220 does not exhibit the biological activity against two spotted spider mite, which belongs to Acarina.

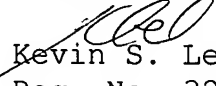
These data indicate that it cannot be easily predicted whether an insecticide effective against insects can also control acarians.

Witchey-Lakshmanan neither teaches nor suggests that the indole derivative of the present invention can effectively control acarians with low toxicity against companion animals.

Accordingly, it is believed that the present invention as claimed is nonobvious over the combination of Hotta et al. and Witchey-Lakshmanan.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

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ANS-118: A Novel Insecticide

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ABSTRACT

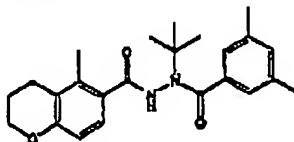
ANS-118 [2'-*tert*-butyl-5-methyl-2'-(3,5-xyloyl) chromane-6-carbohydrazide] is a novel diacylhydrazine insecticide characterized by a methyl-chromane moiety in its structure. Results of greenhouse and field trials have shown this chemical to be effective in controlling various lepidopterous pests (i.e. Tortricidae, Pyralidae, Noctuidae, etc.) on vegetables, tea, fruits, rice, ornamentals, trees and other crops at application rate ranging from 5 to 200 grams active ingredient per hectare. Immediately after treated with ANS-118, lepidopterous larvae stop feeding. This phenomenon can be explained by rapid induction of ecdysis. No phytotoxicity caused by this insecticide has been reported. ANS-118, a novel ecdysone agonist, has large margins of safety to mammalian, avian and aquatic organisms, and has no adverse effects toward non-target arthropods. These properties as well as the high specificity to target insect pests make ANS-118 a suitable tool for the integrated pest management (IPM).

INTRODUCTION

ANS-118 was discovered and developed in a collaboration between Nippon Kayaku Co., Ltd. and Sankyo Co., Ltd. The insecticidal effect of ANS-118 is highly specific to lepidopterous larvae. Products containing ANS-118 are now under world-wide development. This paper reports the chemical and biological properties of ANS-118.

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Code number: ANS-118
ISO name: chromafenozide (ISO proposed)
Structural formula:



Chemical name: 2'-*tert*-butyl-5-methyl-2'-(3,5-xyloyl) chromane-6-carbohydrazide

CAS Registry No.:	143807-66-3
Molecular formula:	$C_{12}H_{10}N_2O_3$
Molecular weight:	394.51
Physical state:	White crystalline powder
Melting point:	186.4°C
Vapour pressure:	$\leq 4 \times 10^{-6}$ Pa (25°C)
Partition coefficient:	$\log P_{ow} = 2.7$ (22°C)
Water solubility:	1.12 mg/L (20°C)
Primary formulations:	5% Suspension concentrate 0.3% Dust formulation 5% Emulsifiable concentrate

MAMMALIAN TOXICITY OF TECHNICAL GRADE

Acute oral LD ₅₀	Rat (male/female)	> 5000 mg/kg
	Mouse (male/female)	> 5000 mg/kg
Acute dermal LD ₅₀	Rabbit (male/female)	> 2000 mg/kg
Acute inhalation LC ₅₀	Rat (male/female)	> 4.68 mg/L air
Eye irritation	Rabbit	Slight-irritant
Skin irritation	Rabbit	Non-irritant
Skin sensitisation	Guinea pig	Mild dermal sensitiser
Mutagenicity	Ames test	Negative
	Rec-assay	Negative
	Chromosomal aberration	Negative
Teratogenicity	Rat	Negative
	Rabbit	Negative
Reproduction	Rat	No effect
Carcinogenicity	Rat	Not carcinogenic
	Mouse	Not carcinogenic

EFFECTS ON NON-TARGET ORGANISMS

Carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>)	Acute LC ₅₀ (96hr)	> 47.25 mg/L
Rainbow trout (<i>Salmo gairdneri</i>)	Acute LC ₅₀ (96hr)	> 18.9 mg/L
Daphnia (<i>Moina macrocopa</i>)	Acute LC ₅₀ (3hr)	> 94.5 mg/L
Shrimp (<i>Neocaridina denticulata</i>)	Acute LC ₅₀ (96hr)	> 189 mg/L
Algae (<i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> NIES-35)	NOEC (72 hr)	> 4.76 mg/L
Honeybee (<i>Apis mellifera</i> L.)	Acute contact LD ₅₀ (48 hr)	> 100 µg/bee
	Acute feeding LD ₅₀ (48 hr)	> 133 µg/bee
Japanese quail (<i>Coturnix coturnix japonica</i>)	Acute oral LD ₅₀ (14d)	> 5000 mg/kg
Earthworm (<i>Eisenia foetida</i>)	Acute LC ₅₀ (14d)	> 1000 mg/kg soil

ANS-118 had no adverse effects toward non-target arthropods such as pollinators, predatory Acarina and Araneida, Hemiptera, Coleoptera, and parasitic Hymenoptera in laboratory (Table I).

Table 1. Beneficial arthropods not affected by chromafenozide at 50ppm

Pollinators/ Beneficials	Scientific name	Beneficials	Scientific name
Pollinator	<i>Bombus terrestris</i>	Predatory Hemiptera	<i>Microvelia horvathi</i>
	<i>Osmia cornifrons</i>		<i>Tyidus chinensis</i>
Predatory Acarina	<i>Typhlodromus pyri</i>	Predatory Coleoptera	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>
	<i>Typhlodromus occidentalis</i>		<i>Coccinella</i> sp.
	<i>Zetzellia mali</i>		<i>Paederus</i> sp.
	<i>Amblyseius fallacis</i>	Predatory Hymenoptera	<i>Encarsia formosa</i>
	<i>Amblyseius cucumeris</i>		<i>Tricogramma</i> sp.
	<i>Amblyseius longispinosus</i>	Predatory Araneida	<i>Lycosa</i> sp.
		Predatory Neuroptera	<i>Chrysoperla carnea</i>

BIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Spectrum of Activity

The biological activities of ANS-118 towards a range of pest species expressed as the 50% lethal concentrations (LC₅₀) in laboratory evaluations are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Biological activities of ANS-118 in laboratory

Arthropod	Scientific name	Common name	Stage ¹	Method ²	LC ₅₀ ³
Lepidoptera	<i>Spodoptera litura</i>	Common cutworm	L3	LD	0.4
	<i>Spodoptera exigua</i>	Beet armyworm	L1	LD	0.2
	<i>Plutella xylostella</i>	Diamondback moth	L3	LD	2.5
	<i>Cnaphalocrosis medinalis</i>	Rice leafroller	L3	LD	0.3
	<i>Ostrinia furnacalis</i>	Oriental corn borer	L2	DI	0.2
	<i>Adoxophyes orana</i>	Summer fruit tortrix	L3	LD	0.8
	<i>Heliothis virescens</i>	Tobacco budworm	L1	DI	0.8
	<i>Musca domestica</i>	Housefly	L1	DI	> 200
Diptera	<i>Aulacophora femoralis</i>	Cucurbit leaf beetle	L1	LD	> 50
Coleoptera	<i>Aphis gossypii</i>	Cotton aphid	N1	LD	> 200
Homoptera	<i>Thrips palmi</i>		L1	LD	> 200
Thysanoptera	<i>Tetranychus urticae</i>	Two spotted spider mite	N	LD	> 200
Acarina					

¹ L1, 2, 3 and N1 mean the 1st to 3rd instar larval or nymphal stage.

² LD: Leaf dipping; DI: Diet incorporation test (mg a.i./kg diet)

³ LC₅₀ values are calculated with larval mortality, at 5 to 6 days after treatment.

Mode of Action

After ingestion by insects, ANS-118 inhibits larval feeding within a few hours and induces a premature lethal moult. This symptom in treated larvae is same as that induced by a

d/benzoylhydrazine (Wing, 1988; Wing et al., 1988). In a reporter gene assay using luciferase as the reporter gene regulated by ecdysteroid response elements, ANS-118 shows a transcriptional activity in the same manner as the ecdysteroid, ponasterone A (Toya et al., 2000). Based on symptoms of the larvae and luciferase induction activity in cell-based assay, it is considered that ANS-118 acts as an ecdysone agonist and induces transcription of genes that regulate moulting, resulting in disruption of normal moulting process.

Field Evaluation

Table 3. Control of the 2nd generation Grape berry moth (*Lobesia botrana* and *Eupoecilia ambiguella*) on grape (Bad Dürkheim, Germany, 1999)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	Spray timing ^a			Number of larvae / 100 grapes
		1	2	3	
ANS-118 SSC	120	-X	X		12.0
	160	X	X		10.7
Methidathion + Parathion microencapsulated	640 + 320		X		46.7
Untreated	-			X	120.0

^a Spray timing 1, 4 days before the peak day of moth flight; 2, 10 days after the peak day of moth flight; 3, 17 days after the peak day of moth flight; X, treatment

Table 4. Control of *Cydia pomonella* on apple (St. Patern, France, 1997)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	% of damaged fruit by Codling moth		
		Not marketable	Marketable	Total
ANS-118 SSC	50	1.49	1.76	3.25
	75	0.74	1.40	2.14
	100	0.98	1.00	1.98
Tebufenozide 23SC	144	1.12	1.26	2.38
Untreated	-	20.10	5.84	25.94

Table 5. Control of *Spodoptera littoralis* on cotton (Egypt, 1998)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	Number of larvae / plant			
		Pretreatment	3 DAT ^a	5 DAT ^a	7 DAT ^a
ANS-118 SSC	35.7	12.73	3.93	0.95	0.25
	47.6	15.78	4.70	0.67	0.05
Chlorfluazuron 5EC	47.6	15.28	7.50	2.80	0.75
Untreated	-	14.95	11.45	6.85	2.43

^a Days after treatment

Table 6. Control of the 2nd generation *Chilo suppressalis* on rice (Yamagata, Japan, 1994)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	Hills	Stems
		% of injured	% of injured
ANS-118 0.3% Dust	120	10.0	0.6
Fenthion 2% Dust	800	23.3	1.6
Untreated	—	50.8	7.5

Table 7. Control of tortricid moths (*Adoxophyes spp.*) on tea (Kumamoto, Japan, 1997)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	Number of rolled leaves / m ²
ANS-118 5SC	100	0.49
Methomyl 45WP	600	0.99
Untreated	—	11.42

Table 8. Control of *Anticarsia gemmatilis* on soybean (Brazil, 1998)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	Number of larvae per a plot					
		Small larvae (< 1.5 cm)			Large larvae (> 1.5 cm)		
		4 DAT	7 DAT	11 DAT	4 DAT	7 DAT	11 DAT
ANS-118 5SC	12.5	2.5	1.5	2.0	1.2	0.0	0.7
	25	0.4	0.9	3.2	0.4	0.0	0.2
Lufenuron SEC	15	2.1	0.2	2.8	3.9	0.7	0.9
Untreated	—	13.9*	5.8*	6.9*	39.4*	23.4*	7.6*

Table 9. Control of *Spodoptera exigua* on shallot (Kanchanaburi, Thailand, 1993)

Test material	Dosage (g a.i./ha)	Number of larvae / 10 plants					
		25 Nov	2 Dec	9 Dec	16 Dec	23 Dec	30 Dec
ANS-118 5SC	12.5	7	18	18	9	9	3
	25	1	5	10	3	0	1
	50	6	3	11	0	0	0
Chlorfiazuron SEC	50	9	5	35	60	45	8
Untreated	—	1	64	51	43	66	43

Treatments were applied immediately after each observation day.

CONCLUSION

Results of extensive field tests demonstrate that formulations of ANS-118 are highly effective on lepidopterous insect pests by foliar spray without causing phytotoxicity to any crops. The fact ANS-118 had no adverse effects toward pollinators and other beneficials

suggests that it may play an important role in IPM programs throughout the world. In Japan, two formulations of ANS-118 (a 0.3% dust formulation and a 5% suspension concentrate) were registered under a trade name MATRIC[®] in December 1999.

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IKI-220 - A novel systemic aphicide

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ABSTRACT

IKI-220 is a novel selective systemic aphicide discovered and now under world-wide development by Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd. This compound is very active against aphids, and also effective against some other species of sucking insects. IKI-220 rapidly inhibits the feeding behaviour of aphids, and provides long lasting aphid control. IKI-220 shows no cross-resistance with conventional insecticides and exhibits excellent systemic and translaminar activity. In field studies, IKI-220 has exhibited excellent performance for the control of various aphid species in fruits, cereals, potatoes, cotton and vegetables at 50-100 g a.i./ha. In trials on a wide variety of crops IKI-220 has shown no phytotoxicity at rates well in excess of the proposed field use rates. IKI-220 has no negative impact on beneficial insects and mites, and therefore it can be recommended for integrated pest management programs. It has a favourable toxicological, environmental and ecotoxicological profile.

INTRODUCTION

While conducting research on trifluoromethylpyridine derivatives, we discovered that some trifluoromethylnicotinamides were effective in controlling aphids. Out of a large number of synthesised analogues *N*-cyanomethyl-4-trifluoromethylnicotinamide (IKI-220), was selected as a candidate for commercial development, based on its insecticidal activity and its environmental profile. This novel aphicide is being developed as a foliar treatment for use on potatoes, cereals, cotton, pome fruits, stone fruits and vegetables. This is the first report describing the properties and field performance of IKI-220 against some major species of aphid pests.

PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

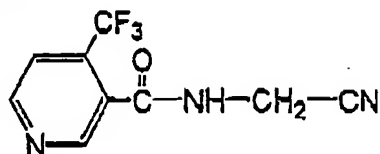
Code number:

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Chemical name (IUPAC):

N-cyanomethyl-4-trifluoromethyl-
nicotinamide

Structural formula:



Molecular formula:	C ₉ H ₆ F ₃ N ₃ O
Molecular weight:	229.16
Appearance:	White crystalline powder, odourless
Water Solubility:	5.2 g/litre (20°C)
Melting Point:	157.5°C
Vapour pressure:	9.43×10 ⁻⁷ Pa (20°C)
Partition coefficient (Log Pow):	0.30
Formulations:	10 WG, 50 WG

PRODUCT SAFETY

Toxicology

Acute oral LD ₅₀ , Rat male:	884 mg/kg
<i>Rat female:</i>	<i>1768 mg/kg</i>
Acute dermal LD ₅₀ , Rat:	>5000 mg/kg
Acute inhalation LD ₅₀ , Rat:	>4900 mg/m ³
<i>Eye irritation, Rabbit:</i>	<i>Non-irritant</i>
Skin irritation, Rabbit:	Non-irritant
<i>Skin sensitisation, Guinea pig:</i>	<i>Non-sensitising</i>
Mutagenicity:	Ames negative

Ecotoxicology

Carp LC ₅₀ (96hr):	>100 mg/litre
Rainbow trout LC ₅₀ (96hr):	>91.9 mg/litre
<i>Daphnia magna</i> EC ₅₀ (48hr):	>100 mg/litre
Algal growth inhibition EC ₅₀ (72hr):	>91.9 mg/litre

Environmental Fate

Soil degradation DT ₅₀ :	< 3 days
Predicted ground water concentration:	< 0.1 µg/litre (PELMO modelling)

BIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Insecticidal spectrum

IKI-220 is a highly selective aphicide. It does not control coleopteran, lepidopteran, dipteran insects, and mites (Table 1). It is effective against both larval and adult stages of aphids. At the recommended doses under field conditions (50-100 g a.i./ha or 2.5-10 g a.i./100 litres), IKI-220 has been successfully tested against a broad range of aphid species and some other species of sucking insects such as greenhouse whitefly (*Trialeurodes vaporariorum*), yellow tea thrips (*Scirtothrips dorsalis*), tea green leafhopper (*Empoasca ovuli*), and brown rice planthopper (*Nilaparvata lugens*).

Mode of action

Table 1. Insecticidal spectrum of IKI-220 under laboratory conditions.

Pest	Stage*	Order	LC ₅₀ values (µg a.i./litre)
<i>Myzus persicae</i> (green peach aphid)	L2	Homoptera	0.8
<i>Spodoptera litura</i> (common cutworm)	L2	Lepidoptera	>800
<i>Aulacophora femoralis</i> (cucurbit leaf beetle)	A	Coleoptera	>800
<i>Musca domestica</i> (house fly)	L1	Diptera	>800
<i>Tetranychus urticae</i> (two-spotted spider mite)	A	Acarina	>800

* L1, L2: 1st, 2nd larval stage, A: adult stage

The precise biochemical mode of action of IKI-220 is as yet undetermined, but different from any known one. IKI-220 has no action against the classical aphicide targets such as acetylcholine esterase and the nicotinic acetylcholine receptor. Further, spontaneous contractions of the isolated fore-gut of *Locusta migratoria*, enhanced by pymetrozine (Kayser et al., 1994) and a GABA antagonist (personal observation), were unaffected by both application of IKI-220. From these results, it can be concluded that the target mechanism of IKI-220 is a novel one.

Inhibition of feeding behaviour

A radish leaf infested with first instar larvae of *Myzus persicae* was sprayed with IKI-220 solution. A filter-paper disc stained with a 2 g/litre solution of bromophenol blue in ethanol was placed under the leaf in order to catch the excreted honeydew droplets. Production of honeydew was reduced immediately after treatment. Treated aphids completely stopped feeding within 30 minutes, however they remained on the leaf for 48 hours (Table 2).

Activity against known resistant strains

Leaf dip assays in the laboratory showed that IKI-220 was also highly effective against a field strain of *Aphis gossypii* which had become resistant to organophosphates, carbamates, and pyrethroids (Table 3).

Table 3. Activity of IKI-220 against susceptible and resistant strains of *Aphis gossypii* in leaf-dip assay.

Insecticides	LC ₅₀ values (mg a.i./litre)		TF*
	Susceptible strain	Resistant strain	
IKI-220	0.8	0.8	1
ethiofencarb	5.0	500	100
oxydeprofos	4.5	450	100
permethrin	1.0	>200	>200

Assessments were made 5 days after treatment.

* Tolerance factor : LC₅₀ of resistant strain / LC₅₀ of susceptible strain

Systemic and translaminar effect

Solutions of IKI-220 were injected into the soil around eggplant infested with *Myzus persicae*. IKI-220 showed high activity against this species by soil drench treatment (Table 4).

Table 4. Activity of IKI-220 to *Myzus persicae* on eggplant leaf following soil drench treatment.

Insecticide	LD ₅₀ value
	(mg a.i./plant)
IKI-220	0.031
pirimicarb	2
triazamate	0.125
imidacloprid	0.031
pymetrozine	0.5

Assessments were made 5 days after treatment.

Solutions of IKI-220 were deposited on the upper leaf surfaces of eggplants. After drying, caged aphids were placed on each side of leaf surface. IKI-220 exhibited a high translaminar effect, comparable or superior to the standards (Table 5).

Table 5. Mortality of *Myzus persicae* on each side of leaf after treatment of upper leaf surface.

Insecticides	Concentration (mg a.i./litre)	% Mortality	
		upper side	underside
IKI-220	100	100	100
pirimicarb	240	92	42
permethrin	100	74	0
imidacloprid	100	100	100
pymetrozine	100	100	82

Assessments were made 5 days after treatment.

Effects on beneficial arthropods

Based on laboratory results to date, IKI-220 has been safe to a wide range of beneficial arthropods such as *Bombus mori*, *Apis mellifera*, *Harmonia axyridis*, and *Phytoseiulus persimilis*. Also in field tests no adverse effects have been observed on all the tested beneficial insects and mites such as *Harmonia axyridis*, *Typhlodromus pyri*, *Phytoseiulus persimilis*, and *Apis mellifera*.

FIELD STUDIES

The biological performance of IKI-220 against a broad range of aphid species has also been successfully evaluated under field conditions. The following examples demonstrate the aphicidal effectiveness on important crops.

Peach

Table 8. Control of *Myzus persicae* on peach (France, 1998). *

Insecticide	Dose (g a.i./ha)	% Control, DAT				
		0	7	15	21	28
untreated		(50.8)	(57.1)	(92.8)	(109.7)	(139.4)
IKI-220	60	(38.1)	95.6	99.4	99.8	99.3
acephate	600	(42.5)	85.3	67.6	58.1	70.3
imidacloprid	50	(38.9)	98.4	98.4	98.7	97.1

Figures in parentheses show the No. of aphids/shoot.

* The chemicals were sprayed on March 30 at a spray volume of 1000 litres/ha.

IKI-220 at 60 g a.i./ha gave outstanding control of *Myzus persicae* up to 28 days after treatment (Table 8), and at the same time prevented the rolling of leaves on the tree. In the

case of acephate and the untreated control leaf rolling was observed (data not shown). The aphicidal activity was comparable to that of imidacloprid, and superior to that of acephate.

Apple

IKI-220 at 70 g a.i./ha showed good activity against *Dysaphis plantaginea* up to 28 days after treatment, which was comparable to imidacloprid at 70 g a.i./ha (Table 9).

Table 9. Control of *Dysaphis plantaginea* on apple (France, 1999). *

Insecticide	Dose (g a.i./ha)	% Control, DAT				
		0	8	15	21	28
untreated		(32.2)	(40.7)	(53.9)	(72.6)	(73.1)
IKI-220	70	(24.1)	40.5	85.3	96.7	87.9
imidacloprid	70	(29.7)	47.9	70.5	91.8	93.1

Figures in parentheses show the No. of aphids/shoot.

* The chemicals were sprayed on April 8 at a spray volume of 1000 litres/ha.

Winter wheat

IKI-220 at 70-80 g a.i./ha initially exhibited a high activity, and good residual activity against aphids infested on ears of winter wheat. The activity was slightly superior to deltamethrin at 6 g a.i./ha (Table 10).

Table 10. Control of *Sitobion avenae* on winter wheat (France, 1998). *

Insecticide	Dose (g a.i./ha)	% Control, DAT				
		0	2	7	14	21
untreated		(6.2)	(8.6)	(6.4)	(8.1)	(4.0)
IKI-220	70	(5.4)	95.3	97.8	89.7	78.2
	80	(3.9)	95.7	98.0	89.8	83.2
deltamethrin	6	(5.7)	93.2	91.1	85.8	40.6

Figures in parentheses show the No. of aphids/ear.

* The chemicals were sprayed on July 8 at a spray volume of 300 litres/ha.

Potato

IKI-220 at 80g a.i./ha showed an excellent efficacy against field strain of *Aphis nasturtii*, which was resistant to pirimicarb (Table 11).

Table 11. Control of *Aphis nasturtii* on potatoes (France, 1998). *

Insecticide	Dose (g a.i./ha)	% Control, DAT			
		0	3	7	14
untreated		(22.8)	(15.6)	(11.0)	(13.7)
IKI-220	80	(22.4)	49.7	90.7	94.8
pirimicarb	250	(24.4)	1.5	24.1	23.3

Figures in parentheses show the No. of aphids/plant

* The chemicals were sprayed on August 3 at a spray volume of 300 litres/ha.

Crop safety

There are no phytotoxicity concerns for a wide variety of crops such as peaches, apples, winter wheat, potatoes, cotton and tomatoes even at use rates of up to 400 g a.i./ha.

CONCLUSION

IKI-220 is a representative of a new class of aphid control agent, and possesses excellent systemic and rapid anti-feeding activities. It provides excellent and long-lasting control on a broad range of aphids without any phytotoxicity to all crops tested at use rates of 50-100 g a.i./ha. IKI-220 exhibits no cross resistance to other conventional insecticides, and has a high safety to beneficial insects and mites. It also has a favourable toxicological, environmental, and ecotoxicological profile. These characteristics make IKI-220 well-suited for resistant management strategies and integrated pest management programs.

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